

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitor Dillon Mears

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Bean Road, Parking lot on Bemis Farm Road

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:** Approved the minutes from 12/29, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

**COVID-19 update:** The Selectboard chose to keep the Old Schoolhouse Common closed until their next meeting

**Dump truck purchase:** tabled

**Town Meeting Update:** Bobbi explained that the Secretary of State's emergency directive would allow the School Board to decide not to commingle the ballots this year. The School Board will decide this at their next meeting.

**Tax anticipation bids and possible budget change:** Bobbi explained that the rates are not as favorable this year, so the Board agreed to lower the interest projections in the upcoming budget. Laurie moved to borrow \$460,000 from Union Bank at a rate of 0.45%, and deposit it at a rate of 0.50%. Rich seconded – all in favor.

**Hitching Post update:** The Board supports postponing the installation until next April.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan:** CVRPC is preparing a draft contract.

**Radios for town office:** The Board discussed the possibility of upgrading the town office radios at the suggestion of the Fire Department. Chris is going to get quotes.

**Grant opportunities:** The Board discussed the opportunity to boost the Library wifi signal. Rich will email the Library Director to suggest that they apply.

**Town report discussion:** Bobbi asked the Board if there is anything else they would like to see in the town report. Rich will add a paragraph about the new parking lot on Bemis Farm Road.

**Tree removal:** Green Mountain Power would like to cut an ash tree at the parking lot, as part of their Emerald Ash Borer plan. The Board approved.

**Bean Road:** Dillon Mears addressed the Board concerning access to his camp on Bean Road. His neighbor has been blocking the road with snow, denying him access to his property. Chris explained that he has talked to the neighbor, Bob Haverick about it. Bob indicated that they usually snowblow to their property, but their snowblower broke this year, so they hired a plow truck. The plow truck driver did not realize that the road needed to be kept open, so he plowed to their property and left a snowbank. Dillon explained that this was an issue a couple of years ago and he is disappointed that it is happening again. He needs to be able to access his camp to shovel roofs, etc.

The Board will ask the Road Crew to go up with the loader to remove the frozen snow bank from the road. Rich noted that people are supposed to get permission from the Selectboard to plow a Class IV road. Dillon explained that in years past, he has hired someone to go up every couple of weeks to keep the road clear. The Board will send a copy of the policy to the Class IV landowners before next winter.

**Stranahan Town Forest Sugaring:** The Board received an email requesting that they prohibit the lessee from using a tractor on the Thompson Road to gather sap, and minimize tubing crossing the road. Chris noted that the Thompson Road is still a Class IV road. Rich suggested that they go through the process this summer that would discontinue the road. Chris will meet with the landowner to look at the location.

**Ordinances:** The Board intends to finalize the Cemetery, Livestock, and Dog Ordinances before town meeting.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll and authorized Rich to sign them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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